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Carmel Chi Him Lau

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR

PREVENTING LOOPS WITHIN A DATA STITCHING NETWORK

ELEMENT

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REQUEST FOR STATUS

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Sir:

Applicant hereby requests status of the above-referenced patent application. This application was filed on February 15, 2001, and no action has been received as of this date.

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